

House Bill 634

By: Representative Taylor of the 55th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to school attendance in elementary and secondary education, so as to
3 enact the "Dropout Deterrent Act"; to provide for a short title; to revise the age of mandatory
4 education; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting
5 laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Dropout Deterrent Act."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
11 relating to school attendance in elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising
12 subsection (a) of Code Section 20-2-690.1, relating to mandatory education for children, as
13 follows:

14 "(a) Mandatory attendance in a public school, private school, or home school program shall
15 be required for children between their sixth and ~~sixteenth~~ seventeenth birthdays. Such
16 mandatory attendance shall not be required where the child has successfully completed all
17 requirements for a high school diploma."

18 **SECTION 3.**

19 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2010.

20 **SECTION 4.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.